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Application No.

10/536,946

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 30 June 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Lawrence E. Ashery on 14 July 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

- a.) In line 5 of the abstract, replace the phrase "the tractor" with "the truncator".

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The instant application discloses a bandpass delta sigma truncator and method. A search of prior art records has failed to disclose a bandpass delta sigma truncator comprising: "output means for supplying from a series of third multi-bit digital signals each individually associated with one of the second multi-bit digital signals and each having the same number of data bits as in an associated second multi-bit digital signal: (a) a series of fourth multi-bit digital signals each having a selected number of the most significant data bits of the third multi-bit digital signals, and (b) a series of fifth multi-bit digital signals each having the remaining number of the least significant data bits of the third multi-bit digital signals; means for: (a) delaying by a period of time equal to the time between successive first multi-bit digital signals each of the fifth multi-bit digital signals, and (b) delaying by a period of time equal to twice the time between successive first multi-bit digital signals each of the fifth multi-bit digital signals and Inverting the fifth multi-bit digital signals that have been delayed by a period of time equal to twice the time between successive first multi-bit digital signals; means for multiplying by a multiplier number related to a ratio of a selected frequency to the frequency of the first multi-bit digital signals each of the fifth multi-bit digital signals delayed by a period of time equal to the time between successive first multi-bit digital signals and developing a series of sixth multi-bit digital signal: having a number of data bits that is the product of the multiplier number and the number of data bits in the fifth multi-bit digital signals" along with the remaining limitations of claim 1.

Nor does the prior art teach a method for truncating a multi-bit digital signal comprising

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the steps of: "sign extending each of the first multi-bit digital signals to a second multi-bit digital signal having: (a) the same number of data bits as the number of data bits in the first multi-bit digital signals, and (b) a second number of sign bits; adding to each second multi-bit digital signal to develop a series of third multi-bit digital signals each individually associated with one of the second multi-bit digital signals and each having the same number of data bits as in an associated second multi-bit digital signal: (a) a multi-bit digital signal that has been: (1) developed from a selected number of the least significant bits of the third multi-bit digital signals" along with the remaining limitations of claim 7.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

CONCLUSION

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lawrence B Williams whose telephone number is 571-272-3037. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ghayour Mohammad can be reached on 571-272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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